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1. EMBOFF MET WITH UNHCR CHIEF OF MISSION TO CYPRUS MR. R. KOHAUT
AT 1900

LOCAL SEPT 18 REVIEW PROCEDURE CONCERNING ASYLUM
CASES AND TO APPRAISE HIM OF JANOUCH CASE. KOHAUT HAD RECEIVED NO
INSTRUCTIONS FROM GENEVA AT TIME OF DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF.

2. KOHAUT EXPLAINED THAT FROM LONG EXPERIENCE WITH SIMILAR CASES
U.N. CANNOT INTERVENE OR APPEAR TO BE LEADING ANASYLUM CASE UNTIL
ASYLUM SEEKER STATES TO HOST GOVERNMENT HIS DESIRE TO BE REGARDED
AS POLITICAL REFUGEE AND UNTIL HOST GOVERNMENT APPROACHES UNHCR TO
REQUEST ASSISTANCE. KOHAUT EXPLAINED THAT FROM HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENC
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IN AUSTRALIA 95 PER CENT OF CASES SEEKING POLITICAL ASYLUM CHANGE
THEIR STORIES AFTER MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF EMBASSY
OF THEIR HOME STATE. KOHAUT STATED THATASYLUM SEEKER ALMOST
ALWAYS TURNS AROUND AND STATES TO HIS OWN EMBASSY THAT HE WAS
COERCED, DRUGGED OR OTHERWISE INFLUENCED. U.N. CANNOT APPEAR
TO BE ENCOURAGING SUCH CASES.

3. IN CASE OF JANOUCH, KOHAUT STATED JANOUCH FIRST MUST DELCARE

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HIMSELF TO THE GOC. KOHAUT SAID HE IS WILLING TO ADVERTISE TO

NUMBEROUS GOC OFFICIALS THAT UNCHR IS AWARE OF JANOUC CASE
BUT ONLY AFTER JANOUC HAS GONE TO GOC. KOHAUT STATED JANOUC CAN

EFUSE TO SEE CZECH EMBASSY OFFICIALS BUT IS NOT SURE GOC WILL
NECESSARILY HONOR SUCH REFUSAL. KOHAUT OPINED THAT IF CZECH
EMBASSY INTERVIEWS JANOUC CHANCES HE WILL CONTINUE
REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM ARE SLIM. HOWEVER, IF JANOUC IS
FIRM IN REFUSAL TO SEE CZECH EMBASSY, OR IF HE IS FORCED TO SEE
DZECH EMBASSY AND REMAINS AFIRM ON HIS REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM,
IF GOC THEN NOTIFIES UNHCR, KOHAUT STATED AIR TICKET WILL BE ARRANGED
TO ATHENS WHERE ICEM WILL HANDLE AS ANY OTHER POLITICAL ASYLUM CASE.
KOHAUT STATED THAT IF JANOUC WERE TO COME DIRECTLY TO HIM AT
UNHCR OFFICE OR RESIDENCE KOHAUT WOULD HAVE TO DIRECT JANOUC TO
NEAREST GOC POLICE STATION AND HAVE JANOUC MAKE PRESENTATION TO GOC
DIRECTLY.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT KOHAUT POSITION AFTER UNHCR/GENEVA INSTRUCTION
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ARE RECEIVED BY KOHAUT PER REF B PARA 3. IF UNHCR POSITION OUTLINED
IN PARA 2 AND 3 ABOVE DOES NOT CHANGE EMBASSY PLANS TO COUNSEL
JANOUC PER PRECEEDURES OUTLINED BY UNHCR WITH CLARIFICATION
MENTIONED REF A PARA 2.
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